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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

**SUBJECT: United States Air Force Procedures in
Support of the Central Intelligence Agency**

1. A preliminary review has been accomplished on the system for Air Force support to the Central Intelligence Agency. Incidents related to this support are set forth as attachments to this paper (Tab A).

2. On 25 March Lt. Col. L. F. Prouty furnished general information on specific incidents reported to you. His purpose was to show that a single point of contact in the Central Intelligence Agency should be established. (Tab B lists current Staff and Division personnel who infrequently contact Lt. Col. Prouty.)

3. Details on each of the incidents mentioned were given at a meeting of concerned Central Intelligence Agency officers on 26 March. (Personnel in attendance listed in Tab C.) Additionally, comments discussed and gave individual opinions with regard to establishing a single Central Intelligence Agency contact for Lt. Col. Prouty's office. Following is a recap of subject matter and opinions:

a. A few years ago it was agreed that the Central Intelligence Agency staff agencies could deal directly with Headquarters, United States Air Force, staff components on certain routine matters. However, special project requests and urgent action items would all be channelled through one Headquarters, United States Air Force, office. This system is the one in use at present.

b. Due to overlapping functions of operations, material and administration activities, there is some chance for duplication or lack of coordination within a Central Intelligence Agency Division. In Development Projects Division the Chief, Air Section is designated as the focal point for all contacts with Lt. Col. Prouty's office.

c. Due to the manner in which Central Intelligence Agency compartments projects and actions, un-coordinated actions could occasionally occur. A concerted effort is needed to screen requests and to prevent duplication. It was agreed that some duplication has occurred in the past. However, due to the present Air Force requirement for a statement with regard to availability of funds, this matter has been resolved.

d. The system for receiving support from the U. S. Army and the U. S. Navy is a request from the one Staff agency of the Central Intelligence Agency directly to the staff agency of the Army or Navy.

There exists on the Army and Navy Staffs no central office through which all requests are funneled. Those present stated that this system used by the Army and Navy is simpler and, therefore, easier from the Central Intelligence Agency point of view. It was recognized that there may be Air Force regulations which might prohibit this.

4. So far as could be determined, none of the instances mentioned by Lt. Col. Prouty involved duplication. The following conclusions and recommendations were generally agreed by those present:

a. That the Director of Central Intelligence should require each Headquarters Staff Agency to designate, by job title, the responsibility for coordinating within Central Intelligence Agency proposed requirements to be laid on the Air Force.

b. That routine requests for Air Force support, other than Development Projects Division, should continue under current procedures to be transmitted to the appropriate part of the Air Staff. For example: routine personnel matters directly from the Military Personnel Division, to Headquarters, United States Air Force, Personnel.

c. That all air requirements or matters to be discussed be channelled through the Air Section, Development Projects Division.

d. That all special or urgent requirements receive appropriate coordination within the Central Intelligence Agency and be transmitted to Lt. Col. Prouty's office. (Tab D recommends the number of persons by Staff or Division authorized to sign correspondence to Lt. Col. Prouty's office.)

e. That a central point of contact within the Central Intelligence Agency would create an additional office without enhancing effectiveness.

f. That the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency review the current procedures for receiving U. S. Army and U. S. Navy support to determine possible applicability with regard to Air Force support, with a view only to standardization, if practicable.


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